

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17-23 and 27-55 without prejudice, and add new claims 57-68 as follows. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the cancelled claims in a continuation or other related application.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 14 and 24, and add new claims 57-68 as follows:

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1. (amended) A device comprising:
a substrate with a device region defined thereon;
an active component on a surface of the substrate in the device region;
a cap mounted on the substrate to form a package, the cap creates a cavity over the device region to seal the active component; and
spacer particles fixed to the active component, the spacer particles prevent the cap from contacting the active component.
 2. (amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the active component comprises one or more OLED cells.

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14. (amended) The device of claim 12 wherein the spacer particles comprise a spherical or non-spherical shape or a combination thereof.

94 17. 24. 13 (amended) The device of claim 13 wherein the spacer particles comprise a spherical or non-spherical shape or a combination thereof.

21. 20 21 (new) The device of claim 56 wherein the device region comprises one or more OLED cells.

95 22. 21 56 (new) The device of claim 57 wherein the spacer particles comprise a non-conductive material.

23. 22 56 (new) The device of claim 58 wherein the spacer particles are coated with a layer of adhesive.

24. 20 60 (new) The device of claim 56 wherein the spacer particles are coated with a layer of adhesive.

25. ^{20 21 22 23 24} 61. (new) The device of claims ~~56~~, ~~57~~, ~~58~~, ~~59~~ or ~~60~~ wherein the spacer particles are randomly distributed in the device region, occupying both active and non-active regions.

26. ^{20 21 22 23 24} 62. (new) The device of claims ~~56~~, ~~57~~, ~~58~~, ~~59~~, or ~~60~~ wherein the spacer particles are randomly distributed in the device region, selectively occupying non-active regions.

27. ²⁵ 63. (new) The device of claim ~~61~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a spherical or non-spherical shape or a combination thereof.

AS 28. ²⁷ 64. (new) The device of claim ~~63~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a mean diameter to maintain a height of the cavity between the cap and substrate.

29. ²⁸ 65. (new) The device of claim ~~64~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a density to maintain the cavity.

30. ²⁶ 66. (new) The device of claim ~~62~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a spherical or non-spherical shape or a combination thereof.

31. ³⁰ 67. (new) The device of claim ~~66~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a mean diameter to maintain a height of the cavity between the cap and substrate.

32. ³¹ 68. (new) The device of claim ~~67~~ wherein the spacer particles comprise a density to maintain the cavity.--

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-56 are pending in the subject application. Claim 56 is allowed, claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) and claims 8-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Claims 3-7, 12/1-12/11, 13/1-13/11, 14-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

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